

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has received and reviewed the Office Action dated June 13, 2008. In response thereto, Applicant submits the following remarks.

The claims, as amended, are directed to a method for wiring an outdoor, i.e. landscape, garden, architectural, etc., lighting system to achieve uniform voltage drop. The method begins with the step of providing a low voltage electrical source through a homerun wire. The homerun wire preferably runs from a transformer that is the low voltage electrical source. Next, the homerun wire is connected to wire connectors in an equalizer hub. Finally, uniform length wire leads from two or more outdoor light fixtures are connected to the wire connectors such that each light fixture is an equal electrical distance from the electrical source.

The equalizer hub is a central location where the wires from each light fixture in the system can be connected to the same homerun wire. By making all of the wire leads a uniform length and connecting all of the wire leads to the same homerun wire, there is an equal length of wire and an equal number of connections between each light fixture and the electrical source, i.e., the transformer.

The art cited in the current office action fails to anticipate the claims or render the claims obvious, as amended. Neither Hunte nor Eisenbraun disclose an outdoor lighting system that uses uniform length lead wires to equalize the voltage drop in a system of light fixtures. Applicant incorporates the arguments regarding the teachings of Hunte from each of his prior responses.

In addition, Eisenbraun constitutes non-analogous art and is not properly combinable with Hunte or any other reference in order to render the claimed invention obvious. A person skilled in the art would not look to Eisenbraun when researching how to assemble an outdoor lighting system to achieve uniform voltage drop to each fixture in the system. Per its title and description, Eisenbraun is directed to a light assembly kit for illuminating an article of clothing. Per its preamble, the claimed invention is directed to a method for wiring outdoor lighting system.

The considerations in designing and building a kit such as that described in Eisenbraun are significantly different from those involved in the claimed invention. The distances contemplated in Eisenbraun are on the order of inches, whereas the distances contemplated in the claimed invention are on the order of 25 to 50 feet. In addition, the motivation in Eisenbraun was with miniaturized electronic circuitry and the need to have each LED independently wired to a central actuating unit to allow more freedom in the choice of design patterns. A person wiring an outdoor lighting system would have to consider full-scale electronic circuitry and the host of issues that go with installing an outdoor lighting system, i.e., moisture, voltage drop over long distances, etc. The considerations involved with wiring an outdoor lighting system would not lead a person to look to Eisenbraun or any other prior art reference relating to a light assembly kit for an article of clothing.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance, notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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